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1. Late in March, four freight trains were loaded for the Soviet Army at the sugar factory in Ketzin (Z44). The last one, which departed on 1 April and bore Cargo Transport Number 51-7118, was consigned to [REDACTED] with its destination given as Frankfurt-Oder.
2. The delivery of 60,000 railroad ties (Schwellen) has been completed in accordance with Articles 42 and 67 of the dismantling order. Thirty thousand more are being lifted along the railway stretch Spandau-Wustermark-Gross Behnitz. A daily quota of empty cars is made available for loading the ties, as follows: Spandau (Z65), three cars; Wustermark (Z55), five cars; Gross Behnitz (Z35), five cars. A train-load of ties was also observed near Nauen (Z45).
3. On 5 April 1947 a twenty-five car train carrying Russian civilians, including women and children, was seen moving eastward under military guard from Brandenburg. Some of the men spoke German and were observed at Wustermark station attempting to engage the German railway employees in conversation and to pass out letters for mailing. They were prevented from doing this by the Russian guards.
4. At Rathenow (Z15) on 9 April 1947, an eastbound train loaded with demobilized Russian soldiers was observed. At the same time a train arrived with fresh troops from the east. The ages of the new troops were estimated to be between seventeen and twenty years.

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